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For: DISK CARTRIDGE HAVING SPRING MEMBER WITH EFFECTIVE LENGTH SHORTER THAN STROKE OF ROTARY SHUTTER AND DISK DRIVE THEREOF

### COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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### REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated January 19, 2006. In particular, Applicant notes that independent reasons, other than those cited by the Examiner, exist for the allowability of claims 1-6.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to

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engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application."

Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated January 19, 2006.

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